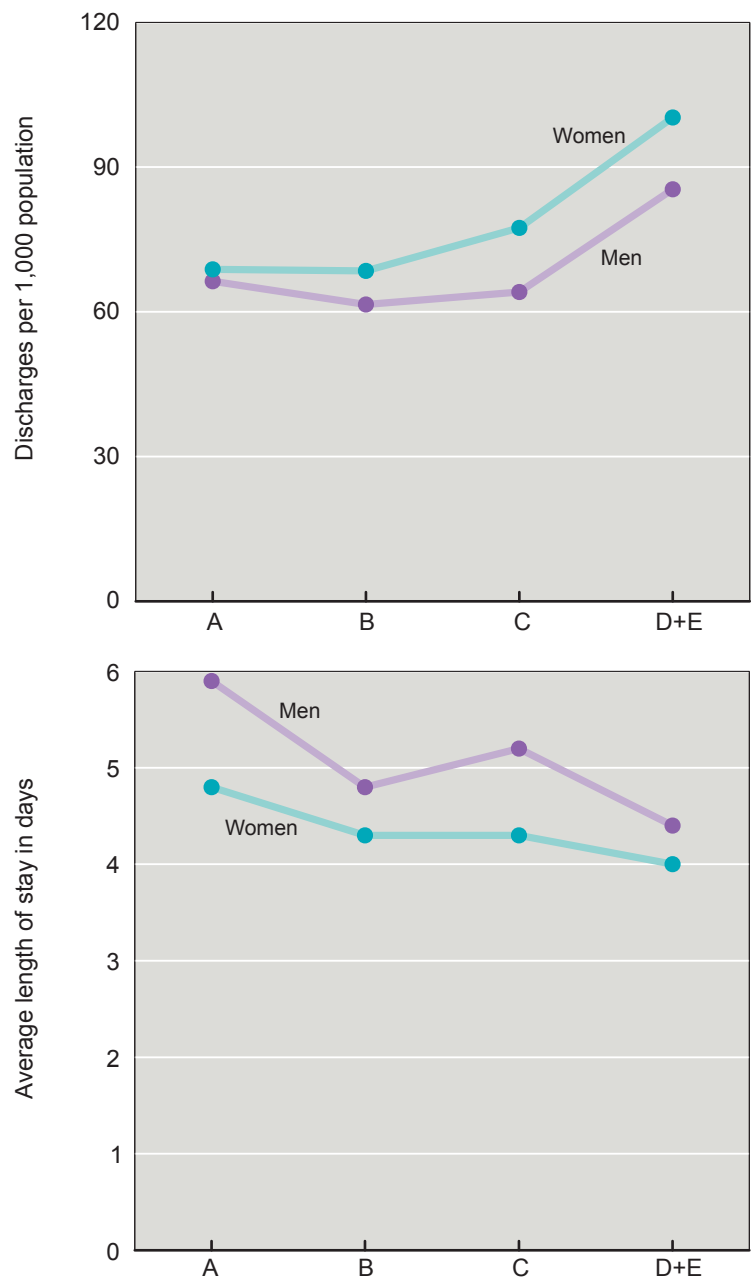


**Figure 27. Hospital discharge rates and average length of stay among persons 18-64 years of age by sex and urbanization level: United States, 1998**



A	B	C	D	E
Large central	Large fringe	Small	City ≥10,000	No city ≥10,000
Metropolitan counties			Nonmetropolitan counties	

NOTES: Rates are age adjusted. Data are for non-Federal short stay hospitals and exclude obstetrical deliveries. Population estimates for rate calculations are for the civilian population corrected for net underenumeration. Urbanization levels are for patient's place of residence. See Technical Notes for description of urbanization levels. See Data Table for data points graphed.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Hospital Discharge Survey.